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Rock the Row highlights youth talent

Charlottetown – The Confederation Centre Youth Arts Council (YAC) Rock the Row 2008 is burning up the airwaves this summer. The album is a compilation of young up-and-coming musicians selected by YAC for their outstanding knowledge of music. YAC is a group of young people interested in the arts as part of youth culture. They hope to have annual cafes, conventions, other CD releases and more activities with their peers.

Young Lungs set the tone for this upbeat album with their song Showman Show-Party Like an Emperor, number one on the track order. This compilation offers a cross section of genres from ragtime by Max Keenlyside, traditional Acadian music by Brandon Arsenault and Mitchell Richard, techno dance by Carmen Grinton, Dana Harris, and Emily Munroe, and classic rock by Sensitive Eyes. New voices were discovered in the making of this album including Ashley Ellis and Heather Ross. Ross' jazzy number The Wistful One is accompanied by Smothered In Hugs' Todd McLean.

Also featured are acoustic offerings by Bridgette Blanchard, Jess Palmer, Ryan Gallant, and Alexi Ladéroute. Ethan Fenton's catchy song Adriel will leave you humming. The album concludes with Green Canoe written by Laura Warren and performed by the six part band New Royalty along with 13 voices doing backup vocals.

"The album covers are very DIY in design. Several YAC members contributed their artistic talent, including Beth Dowbiggin, Erika Groman, Patrick Forrest Jeffrey, Daniel Gordan Morgan, Jackie Skinner, and James White. Each cover is unique, created with printmaking, collage, and drawing," says the project's coordinator, Siobhan Wiggans, Education and Outreach Officer, Confederation Centre of the Arts.

More than fifty teens participated in the album's creation from auditions, recording in the studio, to creating packaging, budgeting, and spreading the word about it. All tracks were engineered, mixed and mastered by Jon Matthews at Big Grey Sound Studio.

Rock the Row 2008 is available for $12 at the Confederation Centre and at select Island businesses. For more information about YAC contact CCYouthArtsCouncil@gmail.com or (902) 628-6112.

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